

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 4 - 13, and 17 have been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter of the instant application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and formal notice of such is solicited. Currently, claims 1 - 18 are pending of which claim 1 is independent.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowability of claims 1-4, 9-11, and 13-18. Applicants submit that claims 5-8 and 12, which depend from allowable independent claim 1 are also allowable. Formal notice of such is solicited.

The drawings were objected to including a reference character not mentioned in the specification. The reference numeral 17a in FIGS. 1 and 3 identifies a bitline contact, as described in the specification, as filed, for example, at page 6, lines 3, and page 13, line 4. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Abstract was objected to for referring to the merits of the subject invention. An amended Abstract has been provided. Applicants submit that the Abstract is now in proper form, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has suggested that the specification and claims be amended to use the term "ridge," rather than web, to refer to the structure 4. The suggested change has been made throughout the specification and claims.

Claims 4-6 and 12 were objected to for informalities. As indicated above, claims 4, 5, 6 and 12 have been amended. Applicants submit that these claims are now in proper form, and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

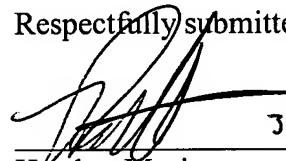
Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As indicated above, claims 7 and 8 have been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter of the instant application. Applicants submit that these claims are in proper form

and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that all pending claims, claims 1-18, are in condition for allowance, and formal notice of such is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

It is believed that no fees are required at this time. However, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Respectfully submitted,


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